

MEETING MINUTES
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 20, 2014 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Henry Killion, Glynn Perkins, Stanley Plizga, and Scott Schermerhorn
Absent: Laren Armstrong (excused) and Lawrence Harrod (unexcused)
County: Karen Bliss, Mike Dallenbach, Francine Lisby, Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright
Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a roll call that determined a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes from September 24, 2014 and October 15, 2014 unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- Ms. Slater asked for Mr. Ireland to be added to the distribution list. Ms. Slater conveyed that Mr. Paine from the South Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Committee asked about the possibility of spraying the cattails in the swales. They grow high and the area along San Domingo is being sprayed and looks great. If they are sprayed and kept low the mowers are able to mow them with no problems. Ms. Slater thanked the Committee for taking care of the cattails behind the learning garden. Ms. Bliss will follow up regarding the cattail policy.
- There was discussion regarding Mr. Slade's attendance at the meetings. Mr. Dallenbach will pass it on.

Unfinished Business:

- Newgate Waterway Spoil Removal – the project was budgeted for \$600,000 and the bid from Gator Construction came in at \$400,942. It is on the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) 12/9/14 agenda. Once awarded, the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled for 12/16/14. Coordination will be required between Gator and Earth Balance because they are relocating the gopher tortoises. Reservations at Longino Ranch for 37 tortoises were made at a cost of \$1000 each. The Florida Department of Wildlife & Conservation Commission permit was \$9963.00. The original survey showed over 100 tortoises in the area of 7 properties; the area was reduced to 3 properties in the canal area to bring down the cost. Construction is anticipated to begin in January.
- Oyster Creek – The bid is out. There was discussion regarding the addition of two other work items; Gondolier and Early Waterway clearing. Gondolier empties into Oyster Creek on other side of the highway. The Early Waterway was not done the last time (2012), but was done the time before. This is for exotic vegetation removal only. Mr. Killion asked if the entire lot could have been cleared so it wouldn't have to be done again. Ms. Bliss will follow up with aquatic staff to see what can be done to totally eradicate the growth to keep it from coming back. Ms. Bliss stated there are exotics in with the native vegetation and the native vegetation can't be disturbed. If the permit is for exotics only, the mangroves can't be disturbed as uprooting would create an erosion problem.
- Grass Carp – A RFQ is on the County website. One area says 12-14 inch carp and in another area it says 8-9 inches which creates a discrepancy. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with Mr. Hunter. Mr. Killion stated this is a specific case of why the quotations should be reviewed by the Committee before it is put out. Mr. Plizga also asked how Mr. Hunter will determine if carp are effective. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with Mr. Hunter on more details on the RFQ and how the effectiveness of the carp is evaluated.
- Erosion Locations (Monitor/No Action at this time) –
 1. 899 & 902 Boundary Blvd. (Erosion around manhole) – Mr. Plizga stated that sod has been installed, but does not grow. He stated applying sod around the concrete will not correct the problem; riprap may need to be installed. This problem was created with the sewer project. Mr. Dallenbach will follow up.
 2. 193 West Pine Valley (Previous broken main)
 3. 790 Boundary Blvd. (Swale eroding)

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- Coral Creek Restoration Project – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that Ms. Vernon spoke with the project manager and the state and they have received the 30% plans for phase 2. Ms. Bliss will follow up to see if the County will be funding any part of Phase 2.
- Buck Creek – The mangroves fell into the creek because the Brazilian peppers that were removed were supporting the mangroves. The Committee wants to know how they handle the mangroves that are lying in the creek by the lots next to the Rotonda West Association property. Can the mangroves be cut if the root structure is not disturbed? Ms. Bliss will follow up.
- Schedule Weiler Engineering Presentation – A draft meeting agenda showing what the presentation will entail was distributed to the members for review. Mr. Perkins asked that an explanation of the existing problem be added to the agenda. There was discussion regarding water quality testing and the Waters of the United States. The presentation will be included on the next meeting agenda.

New Business:

- Mr. Killion stated the newest map that shows the primary drainage ditches doesn't show the Newgate Waterway and should after the amount of money that was spent on it. There was discussion regarding the waterway on the north of Oceanspray Rd. where it goes under Sunnybrook between Rosemont and Regina. There is a lot of water lettuce on the upstream side. This also looks like it is a primary drainage ditch and it leads into the Butterford; these two waterways should be added to the newest maps. The lettuce could be sprayed using funding from the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit maintenance budget. Ms. Bliss will follow up.
- Future Projects for 2 year budget FY2016 and FY2017 – There was discussion regarding the Stormwater Unit having partnered with Rotonda West on some of their drainage issues. Mr. Killion asked Mr. Dallenbach for recommendations. Mr. Peszko from the Rotonda West S&D Unit said they try to address one major drainage project per year and stated that the Long Meadow project corrected many issues. As part of the Rotonda West projects, he would like to ask for funding support from the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit to address drainage problems. Mr. Killion stated that Rotonda West purchased 166 acres of land that used to be a golf course. That property doesn't pay into the Rotonda West MSBU; however it does pay into the Stormwater Unit. He feels these partnerships with other MSBUs are warranted; however wants to make sure that everything is done in the open so other MSBUs don't question why one MSBU is receiving funding and another hasn't. Mr. Dallenbach stated that Medalist will be reviewed next week by M&O and Engineering to determine which MSBU should provide funding for that project. Mr. Killion stated he would have to get input from Ms. Vernon and other MSBUs to determine what future projects should be included in their budget. Mr. Plizga stated that the Rotonda West S&D Committee paid for a survey to be done and recommendations were made for a Stormwater plan; he feels that plan should be followed instead of only addressing complaints from residents. He asked for the Stormwater staff to review the plan and make recommendations to the Committee.
- Activity Report 10/1/14 – 11/18/14 – was distributed for review and discussion.
- FY 2014/15 Budget - The expenditures exceed what is coming in; however there is funding in reserves.
- Ms. Nothdurft distributed the updated maps that were requested at the last meeting. One version of the map was to include canal names as well as their numbers, but does not appear to do that. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items Only (3 Minute Limit) – no additional comments

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rotonda West Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sandy Wright- Public Works Department

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